

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported that he was invited to appear before the State Finance Commission regarding Senate Bill 566. The bill passed 12-1. The next step will be to go to the House. The bill is regarding HOTIF.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Smith said he is working on the policy for purchasing local.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Mayor Pavey said the Main Street Streetscape is wrapping up. We recently met to discuss the Overlook project.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – Later on the agenda.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Nothing.

- **Brownfield Grant** – We are almost ready to wrap up.
- **Housing** – The apartments downtown are near completion. We will be breaking ground this spring on the complex just south of 16th Street.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller said they have been cleaning out catch basins.

They have used 7 ½ ton of cold mix on filling in holes.

They have cleaned out the old park restaurant.

Animal – Warden Cottrell presented her January report. They had an intake of 55 animals, 49 adoptions, 6 sent to rescue, and euthanized 16. Bridges said he just received the quarterly report and will forward to Council.

Police – Chief Tucker was informed that the K-9 cage is in. They hope to have that vehicle on the road in approximately 6 weeks. The Humane Society paid for the cage.

Park – Director Burklow said he met with the pool managers regarding the hiring for the pool. He plans to have a list of those hired at the next meeting.

He and Thurston Owens will be traveling to French Lick tomorrow for a seminar.

Fire – Assistant Chief Munson said the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Sam Rech. They also gave permission to start the hiring process to replace the firefighter.

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS – Mayor Pavey asked Larry Lawlor from F & V to come forward and discuss strategy for our recent flooding issue. Pavey said he would like to have a committee to discuss these issues. It would consist of the Mayor, a member of the Board of Works, a Council member, Chuck Kemker, Jemmy Miller, and Mike Land. He would also ask 3 neighborhood representatives, Larry Copley, Kevin Stone, and Larry Scott to be on the committee.

Lawlor gave an explanation of how Cherry Street will help with the drainage. He said they will look at the current condition as to how much water we are now getting and how much we will get after the development. They look at storm events such as a 10 year existing rain event. Lawlor said there will be 8 detention ponds for this project. This detains and slows up the flow of water. The goal is to dry out the area and to eliminate ponding. The goal is 80 feet per second. This is cutting 100 year storm factor in half. Smith asked if sand bagging around the

openings would be effective for this type of flooding. Lawlor said maybe for a short period of time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Animal Control Ordinances** – We should have a rough draft by March 5.
2. **City Center Project Wrap-up – Council Chambers/Sponsor Room, Ivy Tech** – Copley presented figures for the cost of the projects and funds to be used. Berkemeier asked where the pricing came from. Mayor Pavey said it was from PSI, the same contractor that has done the renovation. He said we need to move forward due to Ivy Tech requesting to be in by July. Conner asked how long the Ivy Tech lease would be. Pavey said we will probably start with 10 years. Smith made a motion to move forward as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **MVH Crew Leader** – Miller presented the proposed job description. After discussion Smith moved to approve the job description. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copley said she will prepare the amended salary ordinance for the next meeting.
4. **Fire/Rescue Transfer Truck** – April Hart, who has been hired as a paramedic for the City voiced her concern and desire to provide improved patient care. She urged the City to continue taking transfers. She said there is room for improvement including at RMH. Hart plans on speaking to the hospital board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2019-5 Establishing MVH Restricted Fund** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-5. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Street Lights South of Town Phase 1** – Mayor Pavey said he talked to Duke and they are ready to start the 1st phase of the lighting evaluation.
3. **Food and Beverage Tax & Innkeepers Tax** – Pavey asked Council to think about this. He said he is not sure if either will go anywhere or if we want to participate.
4. **Fire/Rescue Boat Replacement** – Assistant Chief Munson reported that their rescue boat is taking on water. They are checking on repairing the boat and also on a replacement. They have also contacted our insurance company, but have not heard back yet. They have also looked at a boat at the Shelbyville sheriff's department. Munson said he is not sure the boat can be repaired. They average 1-4 rescues per year. The majority are in the County. He said they would like to move forward with a purchase of up to \$5,000.00 if the current boat cannot be repaired. Smith suggested checking with DRMO. Cameron said he is not for repairing the old boat. Cameron made a motion to allow up to \$5000.00 for the purchase of a boat. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Henderson Road Farm Lease 35.775 Acres** – The farm ground will be up for bid on March 19th.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Utility Packet:**
 - a. **Meter Locations vs. Construction Specifications**
 - b. **Meter Pit Construction Specifications Requirements**
 - c. **Strand** - Strand is putting together a package.
2. **Campaign Quarters and Windsor Abatement Program** – Councilman Berkemeier said he should have something put together by April.

CLAIMS: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Nothing.

ADJOURN: There was nothing further to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.